

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 with the following new paragraph:

The present invention has been attained in view of the above problem, and ~~an object~~ a feature of the present invention is to provide an external cover capable of securing its good appearance and effective use of resources and being less likely to be lost than a conventional external cover, and an image forming device and a control system including the external cover.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 with the following new paragraph:

~~In order to achieve the above object~~ accordance with the above feature, an external cover of the present invention is an external cover covering an attaching section which is provided in a main unit of a first device to fit a second device to the main unit of the first device, the external cover, when the second device is not fitted to the main unit of the first device, serves a first function as a cover for the attaching section, and the external cover, when the second device is fitted to the main unit of the first device, serves a second function which is different from the first function while maintaining the first function, such that the

external cover is provided to the first device or the second device in a state different from a state when the second device is not fitted to the main unit of the first device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 8 with the following new paragraph:

As described above, in an external cover of an embodiment of the present invention is an external cover covering an attaching section which is provided in a main unit of a first device to fit a second device to the main unit of the first device, the external cover, when the second device is not fitted to the main unit of the first device, serves a first function as a cover for the attaching section, and the external cover, when the second device is fitted to the main unit of the first device, serves a second function which is different from the first function while maintaining the first function, such that the external cover is provided to the first device or the second device in a state different from a state when the second device is not fitted to the main unit of the first device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 18 with the following new paragraph:

Further, in addition to the above arrangement, an external cover of an embodiment of the present invention preferably has an

arrangement such that one of the first device and the second device is provided with object determination means which determines whether or not there exists any object at a predetermined position, prior to fitting the second device to the main unit of the first device, the external cover is detached from the attaching section, and while the second device is fitted to the main unit of the first device, the external cover exists at the position thus determined by the object determination means, and is attached to an device which is not provided with the object determination means of the first device and the second device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 5 with the following new paragraph:

Further, in addition to the above arrangement, an external cover of an embodiment of the present invention preferably has an arrangement such that the external cover includes a plurality of surfaces, and when the external cover is attached to the first device, a function of the external cover is changed between the first function and the second function depending on which surface of the plurality of surfaces is exposed to outside of the first device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 41, line 23 with the following new paragraph:

Further, an image forming device of an embodiment of the present invention includes the external cover.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 41, line 25 with the following new paragraph:

That is, an image forming device of an embodiment of the present invention is an image forming device including: an attaching section for fitting other device thereto; and an external cover covering the attaching section, when the other device is not fitted to the image forming device, the external cover serves a first function as a cover for the attaching section, and when the other device is fitted to the image forming device, the external cover serves a second function which is different from the first function while maintaining the first function, such that the external cover is provided to the image forming device or the other device in a state different from a state when the other device is not fitted to the image forming device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 43, line 2 with the following new paragraph:

More specifically, a control system of an embodiment of the present invention includes: a first device; a second device; and an external cover covering an attaching section which is provided in a

main unit of the first device to fit a second device to the main unit of the first device, wherein: the external cover, when the second device is not fitted to the main unit of the first device, serves a first function as a cover for the attaching section, the external cover, when the second device is fitted to the main unit of the first device, serves a second function which is different from the first function while maintaining the first function, such that the external cover is provided to the first device or the second device in a state different from a state when the second device is not fitted to the main unit of the first device, and if the external cover does not serve the second function when the second device is fitted to the main unit of the first device, at least the main unit of the first device, of the main unit of the first device and the second device, is caused not to operate.